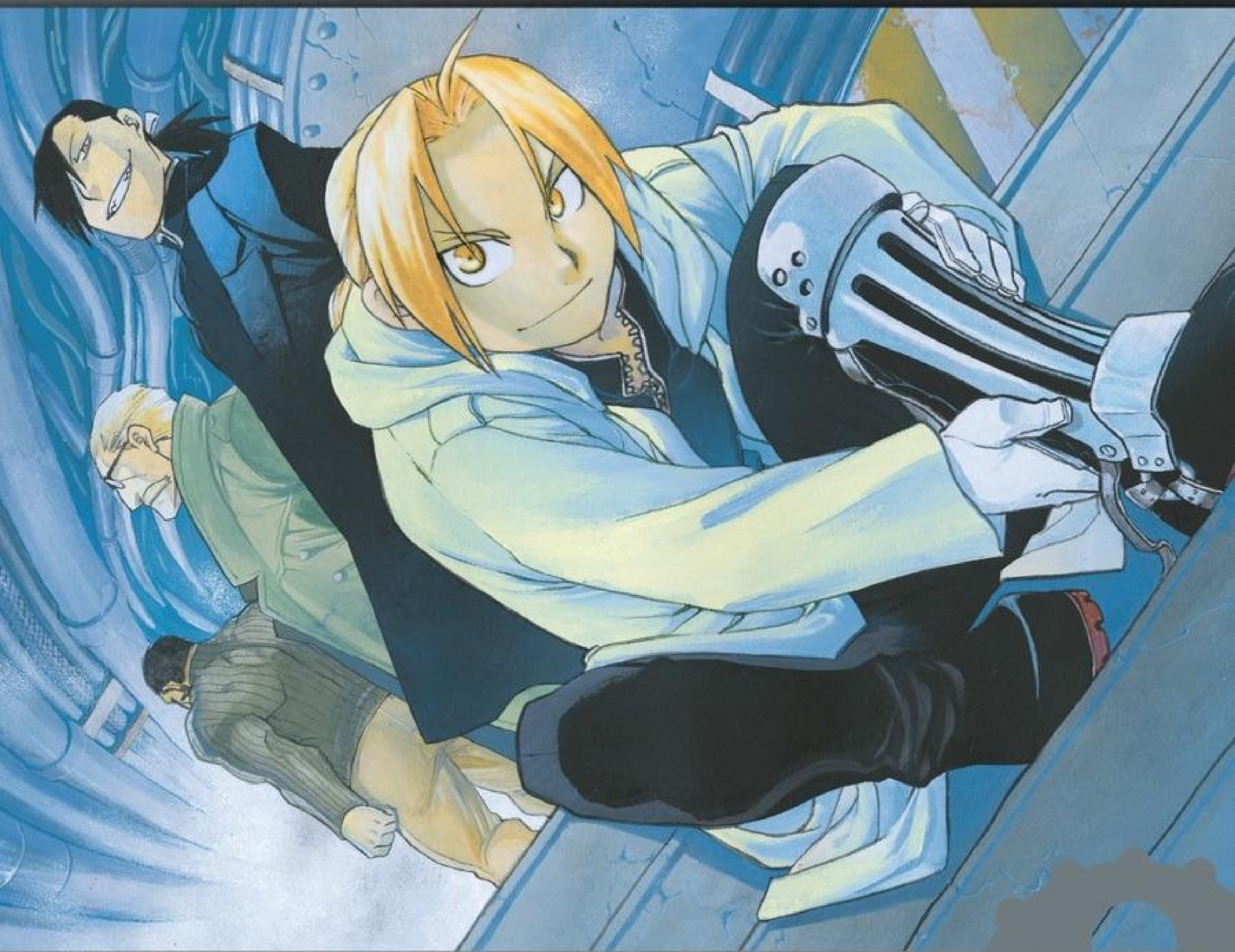


FULLMETAL ALCHEMIST™



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Recently, many of the items in my work space that have gone through good and bad times with me are breaking down, one after another. The pot that my assistants and I use to cook our lunch, the stereo, the ergonomic chair, etc.... You fools!! How dare you give up before the journey is done?! (sob)

—Hiromu Arakawa, 2008



Born in Hokkaido (northern Japan), Hiromu Arakawa first attracted national attention in 1999 with her award-winning manga *Stray Dog*. Her series *Fullmetal Alchemist* debuted in 2001 in Square Enix's monthly manga anthology *Shonen Gangan*.



FULLMETAL
ALCHEMIST



金の錬金術師
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荒川弘

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CHARACTERS

FULLMETAL ALCHEMIST



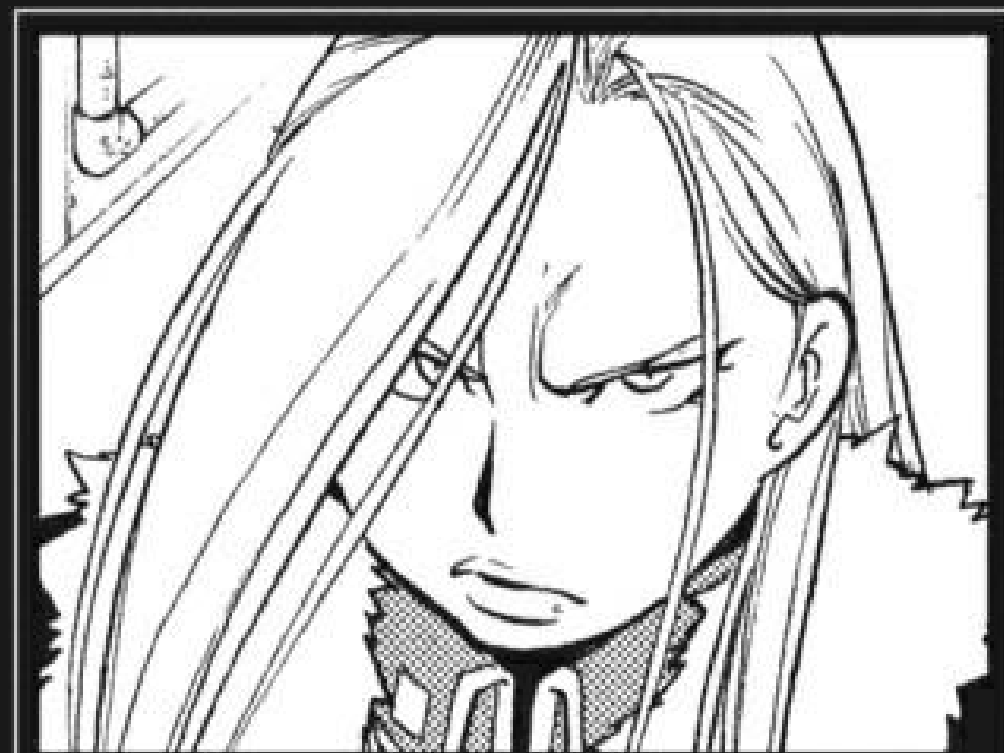
□ ウィンリィ・ロックベル

Winry Rockbell



□ スカー

Scar



□ オリヴィエ・ミラ・アームストロング

Olivier Mira Armstrong



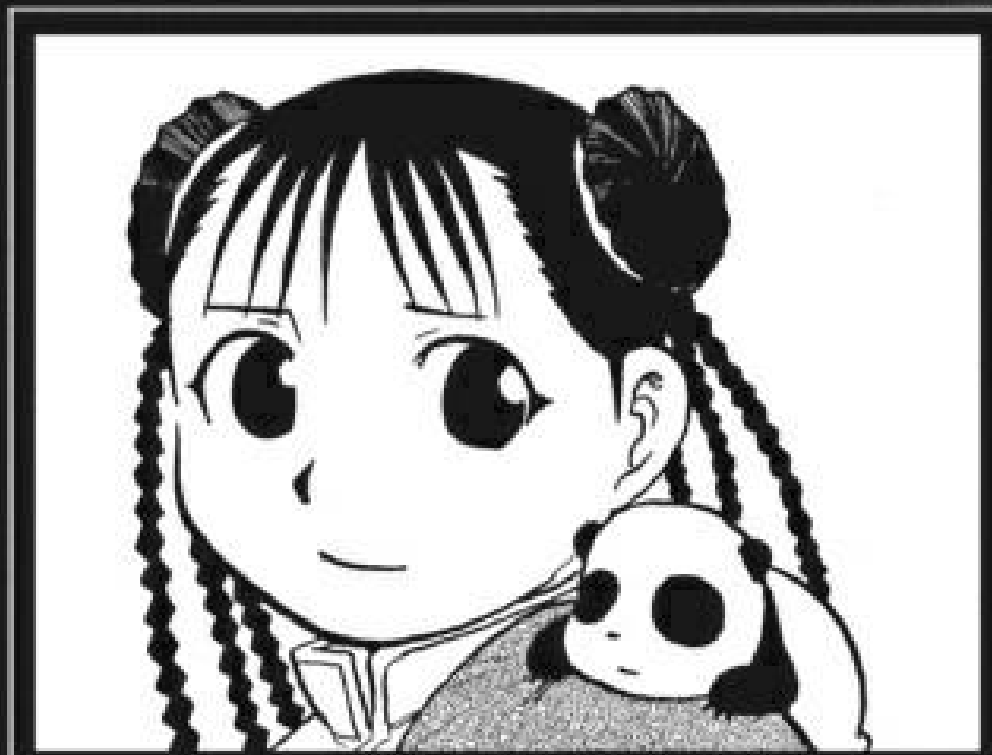
□ キング・ブラッドレイ

King Bradley



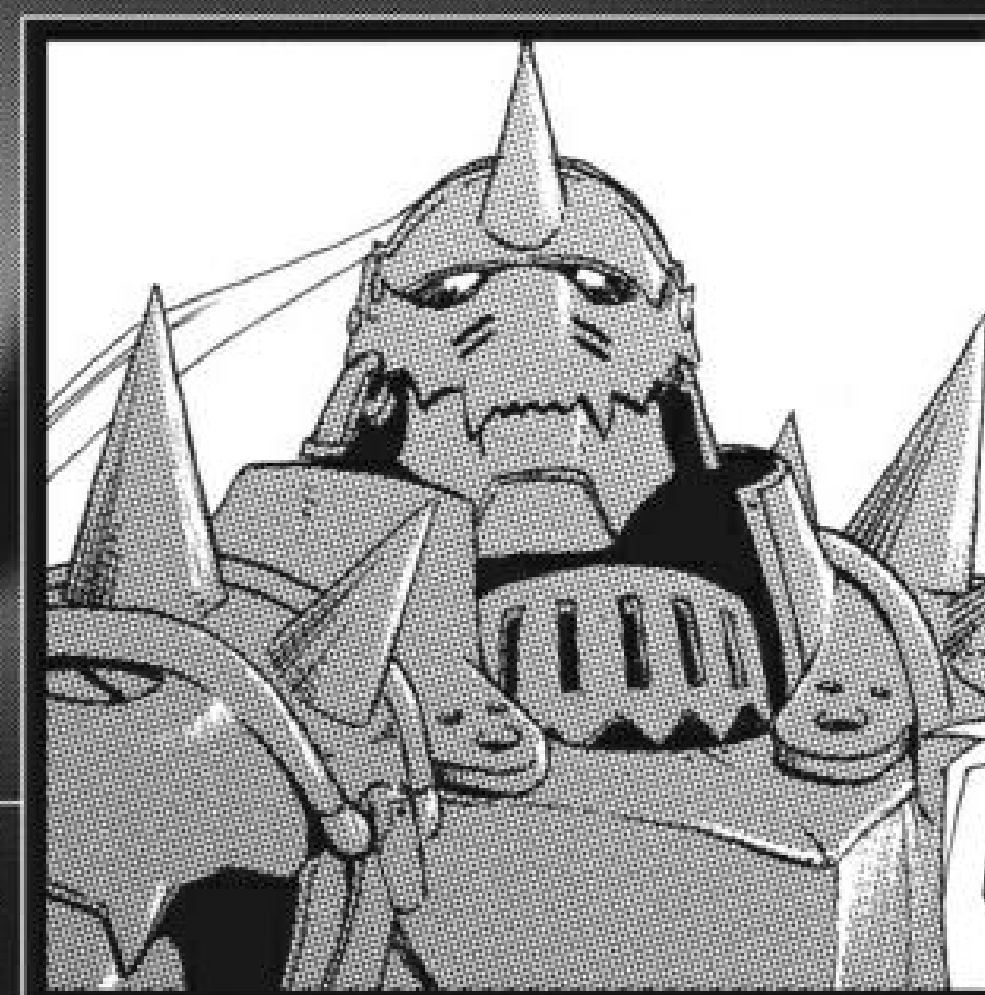
□ ヴァン・ホーエンハイム

Van Hohenheim



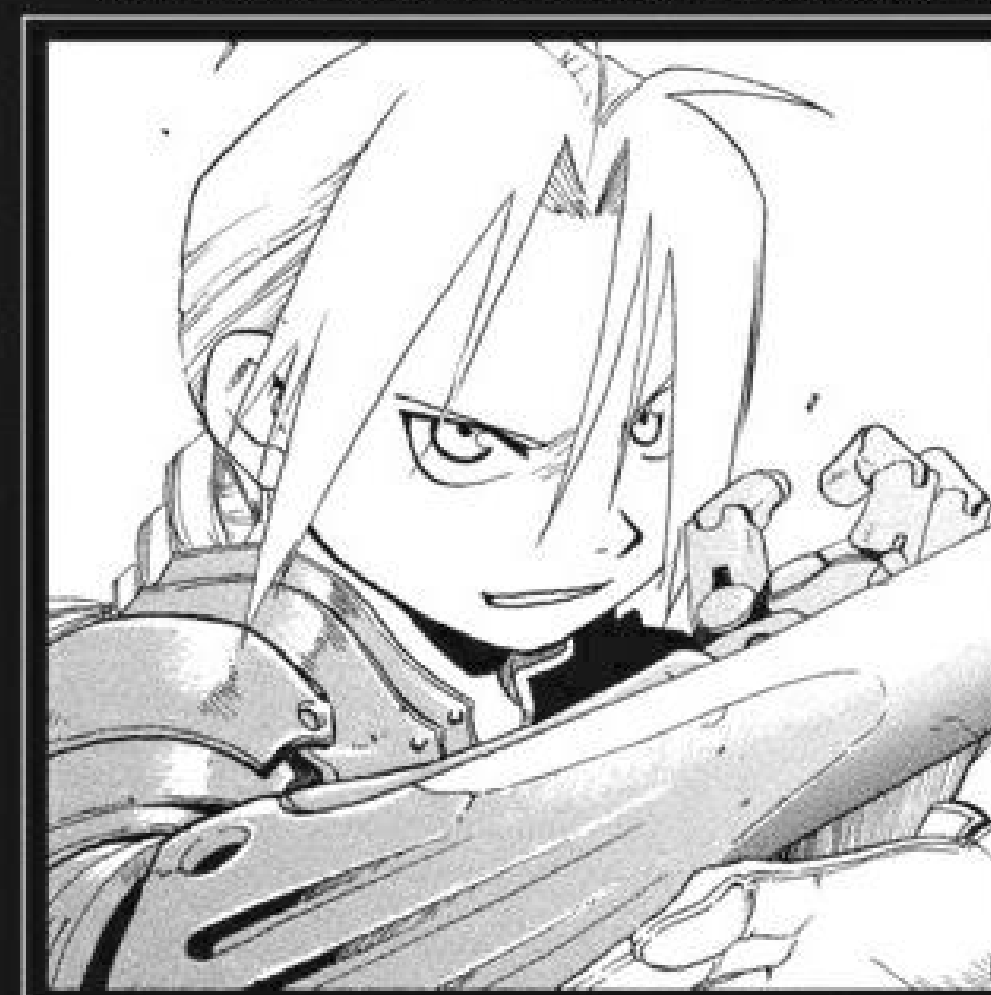
□ メイ・チャン

May Chang



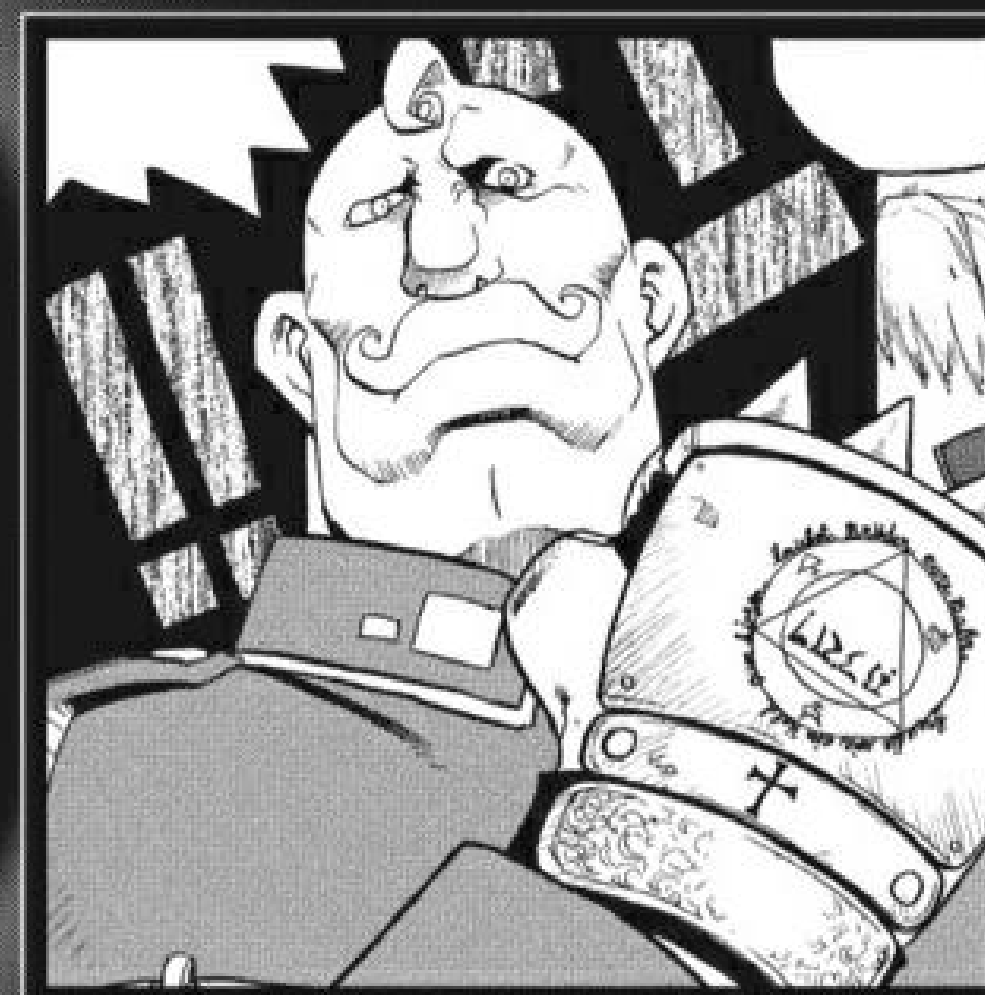
□ アルフォンス・エルリック

Alphonse Elric



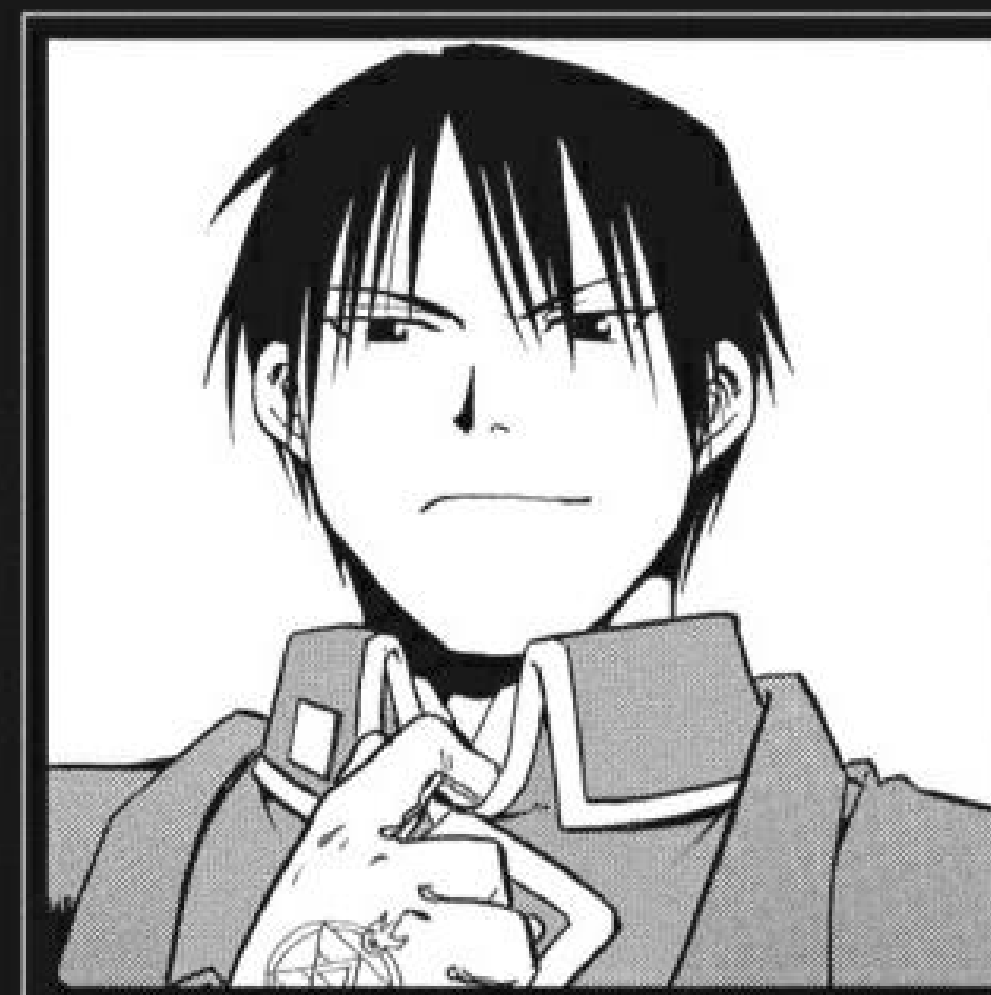
□ エドワード・エルリック

Edward Elric



□ アレックス・ルイ・アームストロング

Alex Louis Armstrong



□ ロイ・マスタング

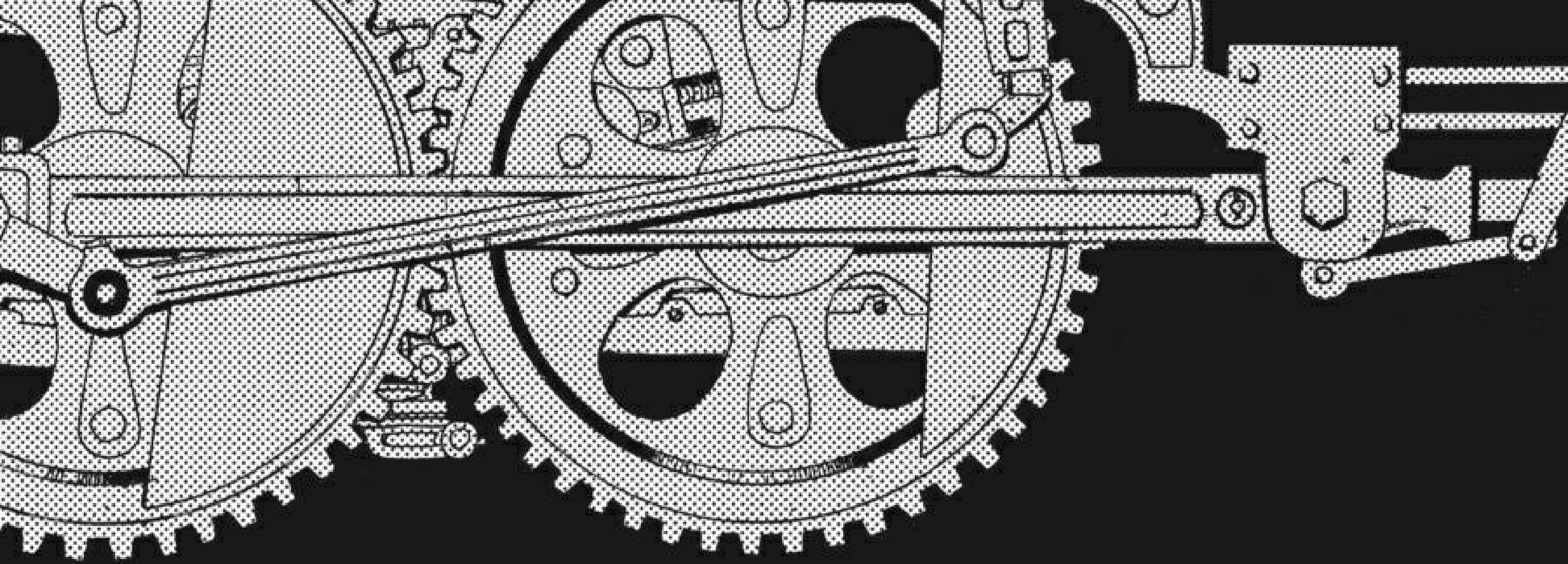
Roy Mustang

OUTLINE

FULLMETAL ALCHEMIST

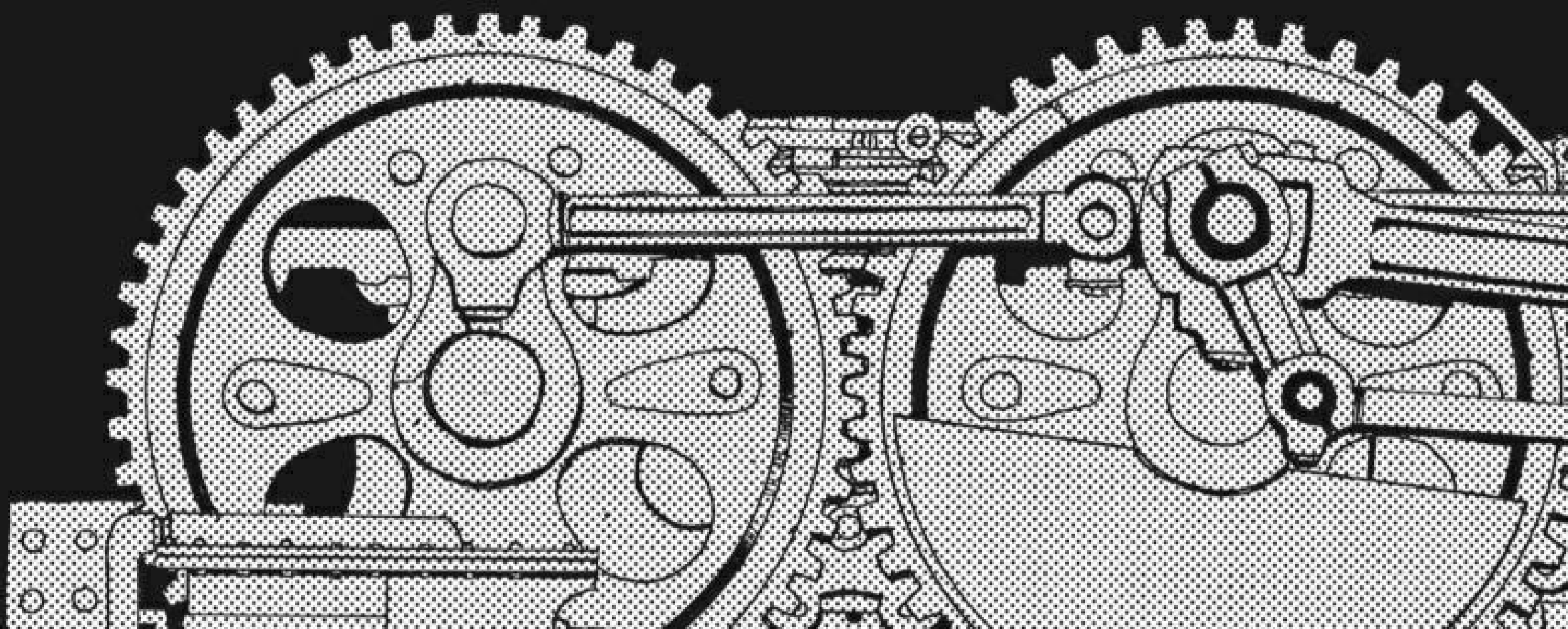
Using a forbidden alchemical ritual, the Elric brothers attempted to bring their dead mother back to life. But the ritual went wrong, consuming Edward Elric's leg and Alphonse Elric's entire body. At the cost of his arm, Edward was able to graft his brother's soul into a suit of armor. Equipped with mechanical "auto-mail" to replace his missing limbs, Edward becomes a state alchemist in the hopes of finding a way to restore their bodies. Their search embroils them in a deadly conspiracy that threatens to take the innocence, if not the lives, of everyone involved.

For decades, the nation of Amestris has slowly expanded its borders into the shape of an enormous transmutation circle with the Homunculi's "Father" at its center. Now the circle is complete and calculated bloody wars at key points sanctify the circle for a final transmutation. Long ago, when a similar ceremony was performed in the city of Cselkcess, thousands of souls were lost so that the original Homunculus could be free. Only one person survived the massacre—Van Hohenheim, Ed and Al's father. Now this Philosopher's Stone in the shape of a man might hold the key to stopping the Homunculi before an even greater massacre consumes the world...



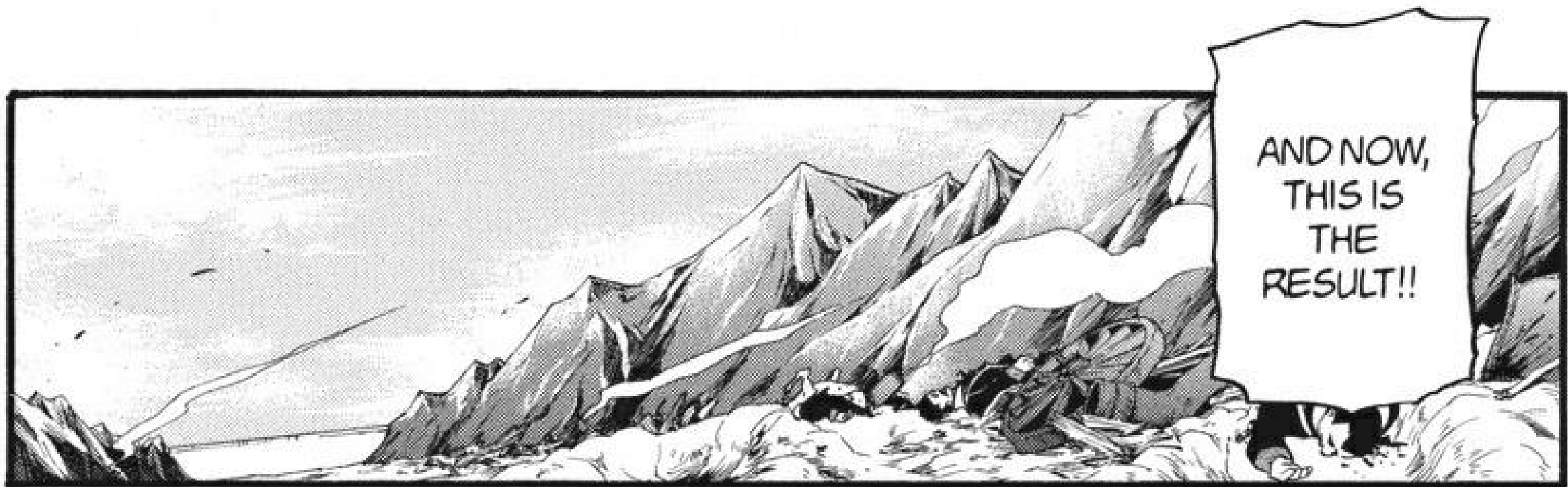
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AND NOW,
THIS IS
THE
RESULT!!



...MUST MEAN
THAT YOU AND
I ARE THE
SEEDS THAT
WERE CHOSEN
FOR GREATER
THINGS.

THE FACT
THAT WE
WEREN'T
HIT AFTER
WITHSTANDING
SUCH A
FIERCE
ATTACK...



WHAT
?!

THERE'S
NO
REASON
TO BE SO
UPSET.



VR
EEEE

SHUT
UP,
DAMN
Y-!

TCH!

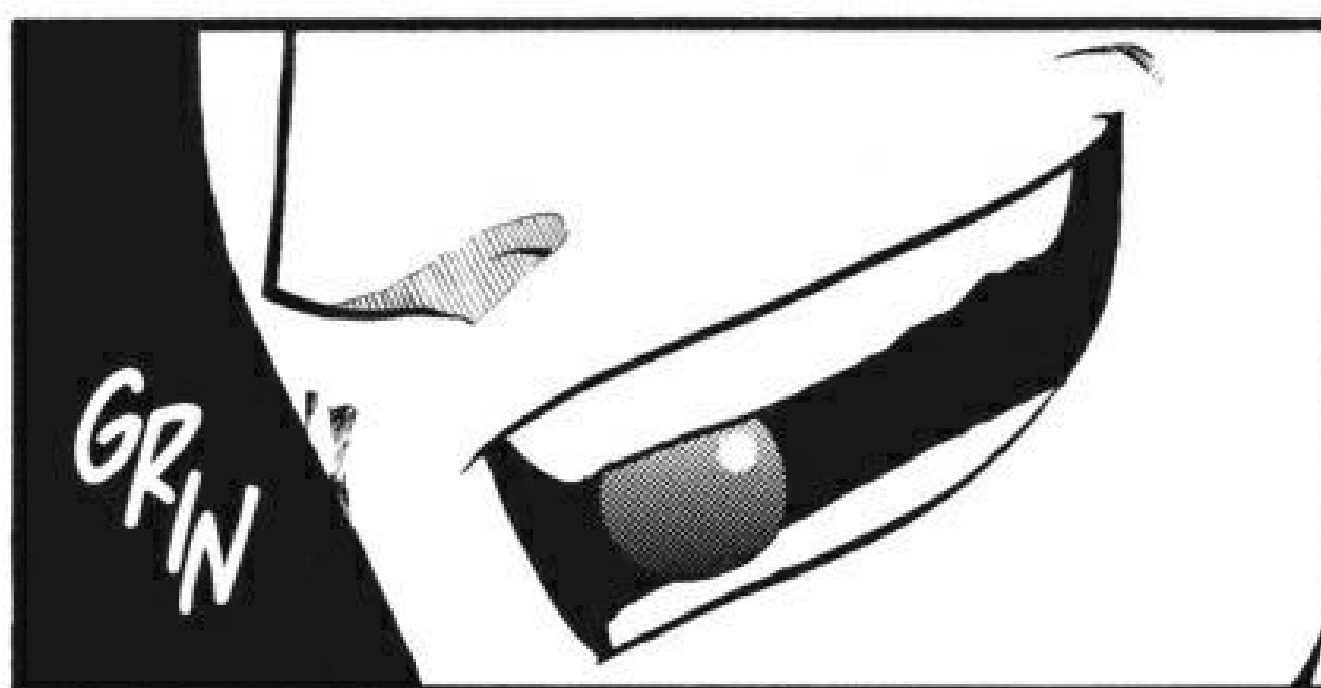
YOU SHOULD
REJOICE IN
THE FACT
THAT YOU
ARE ONE
OF THE
CHOSEN...

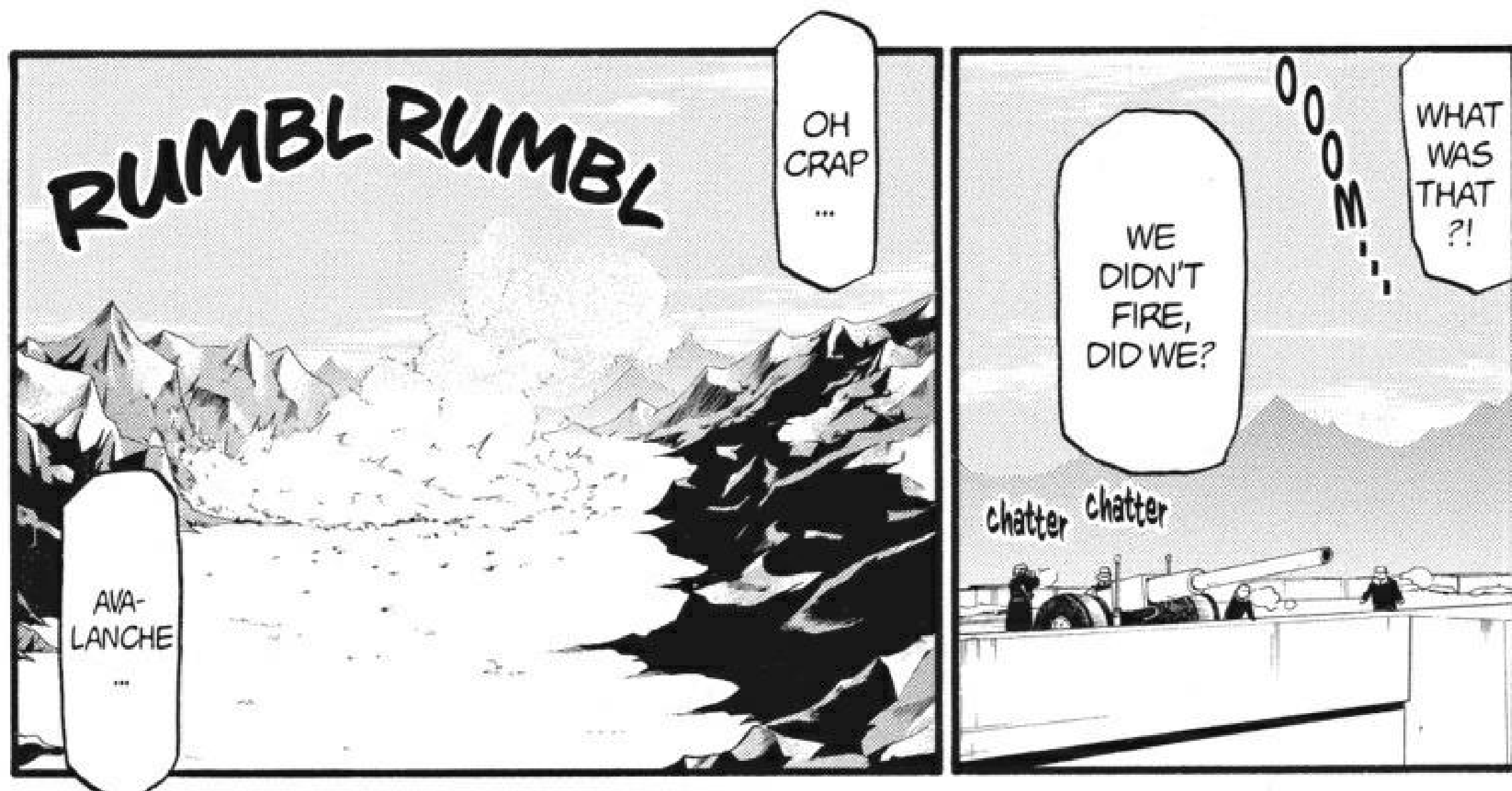


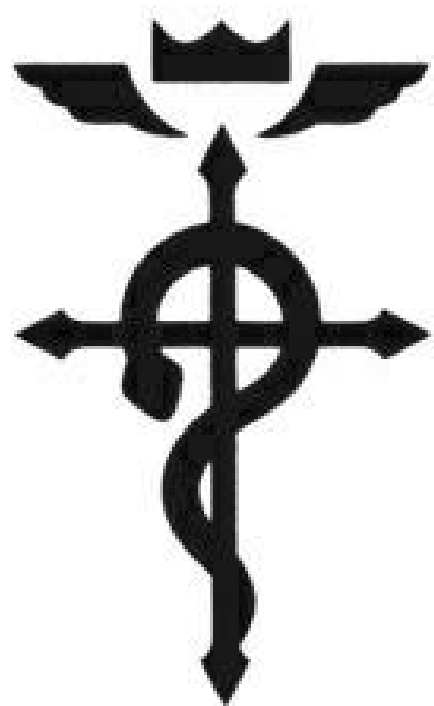
Splat

BO
OO
W!





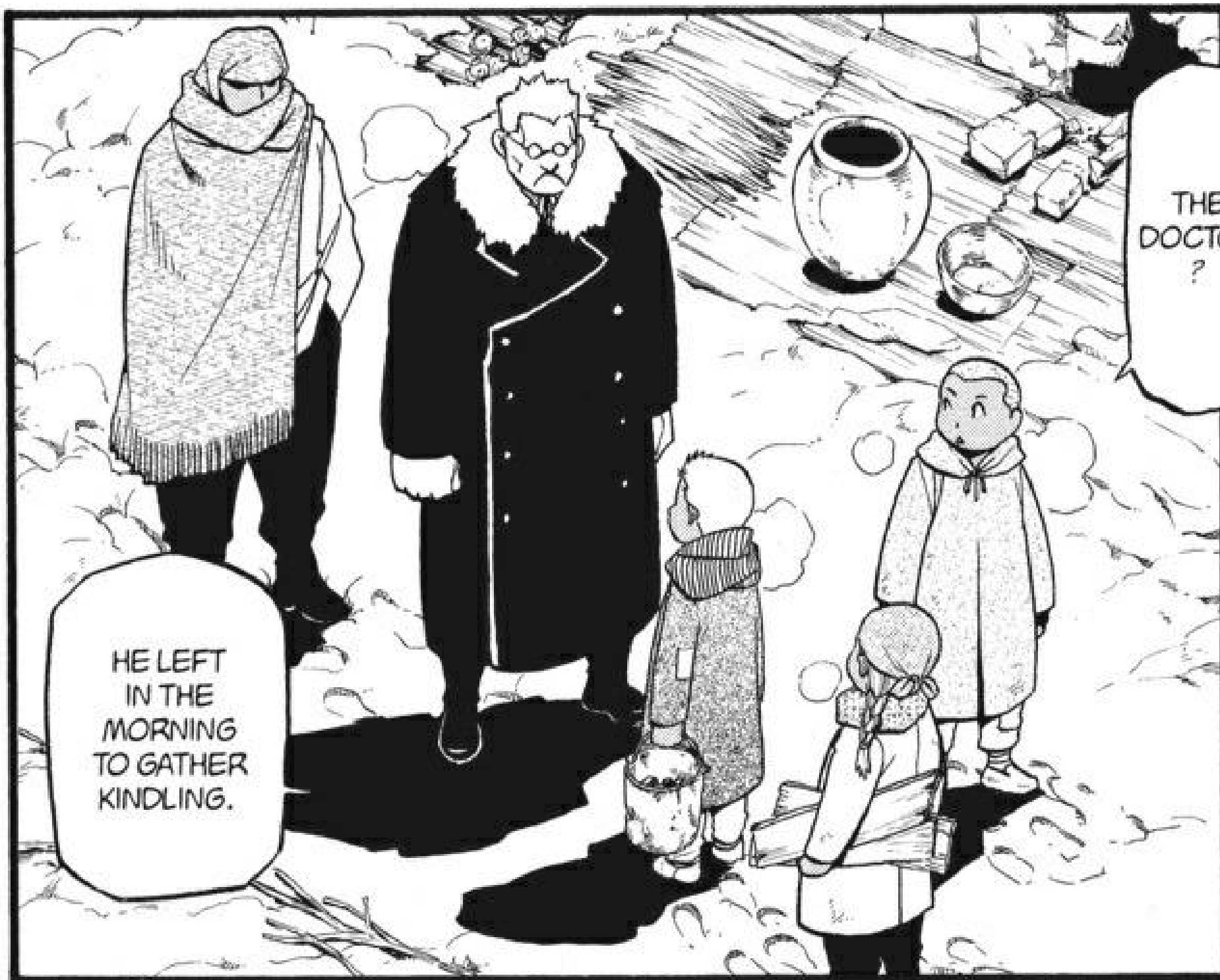


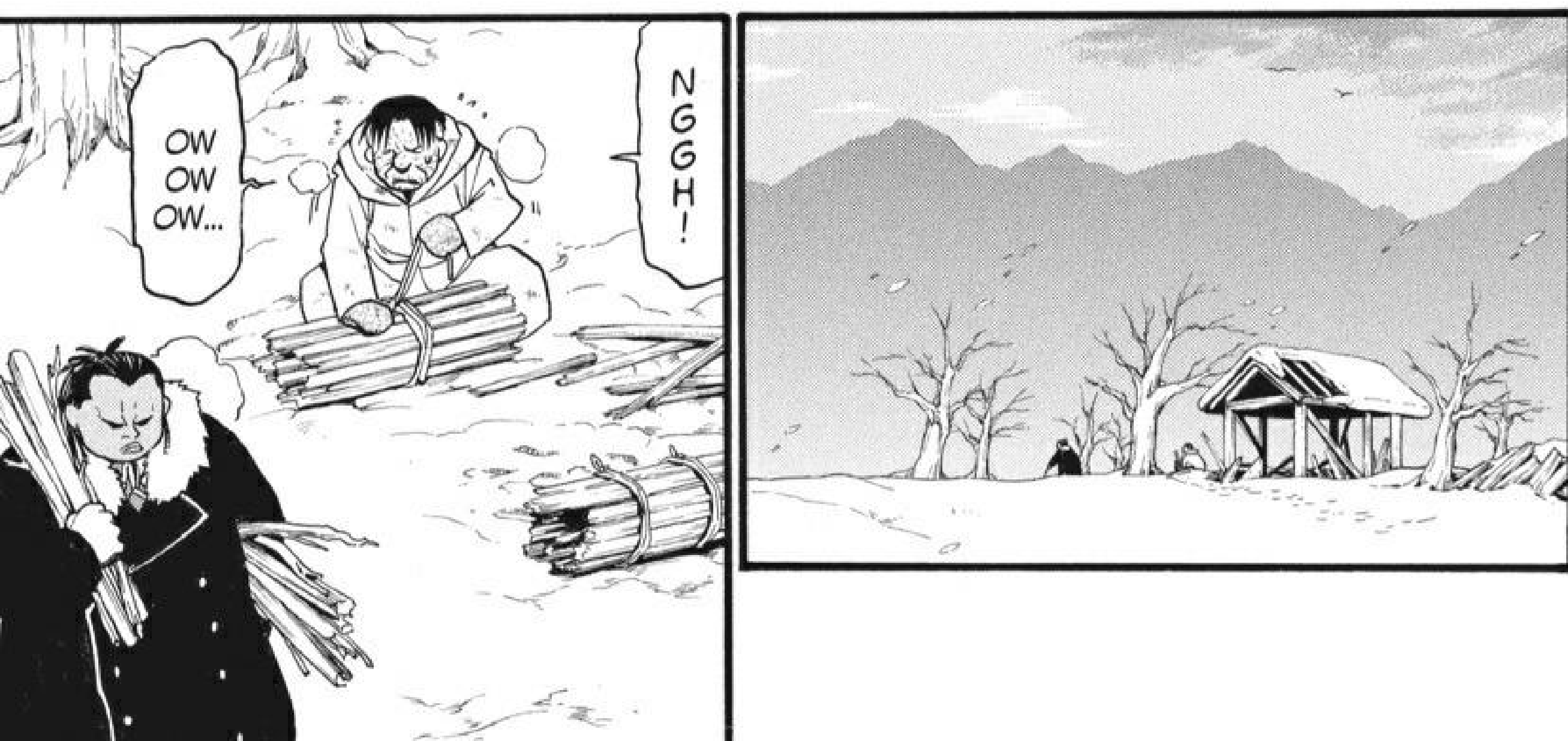
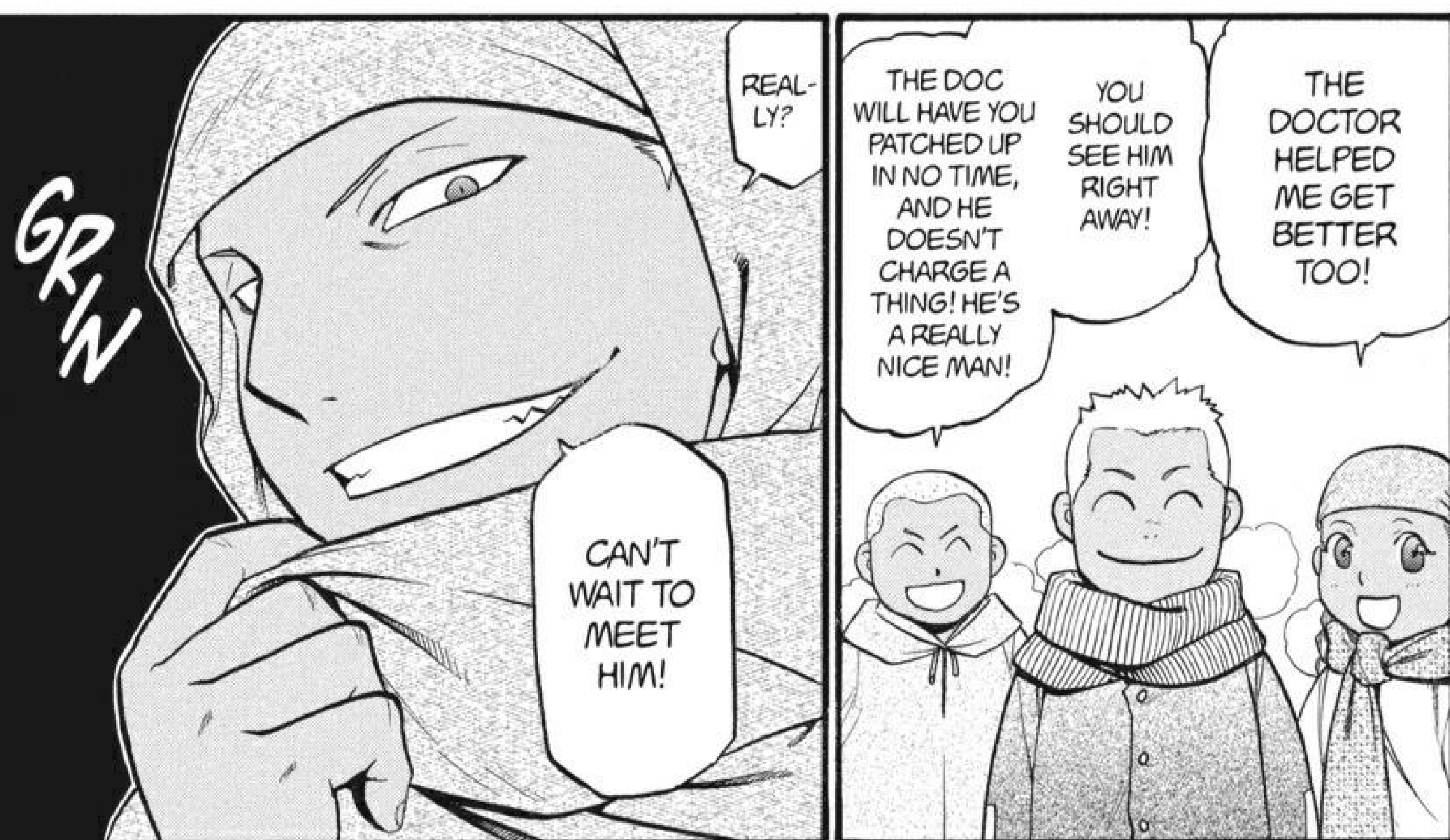
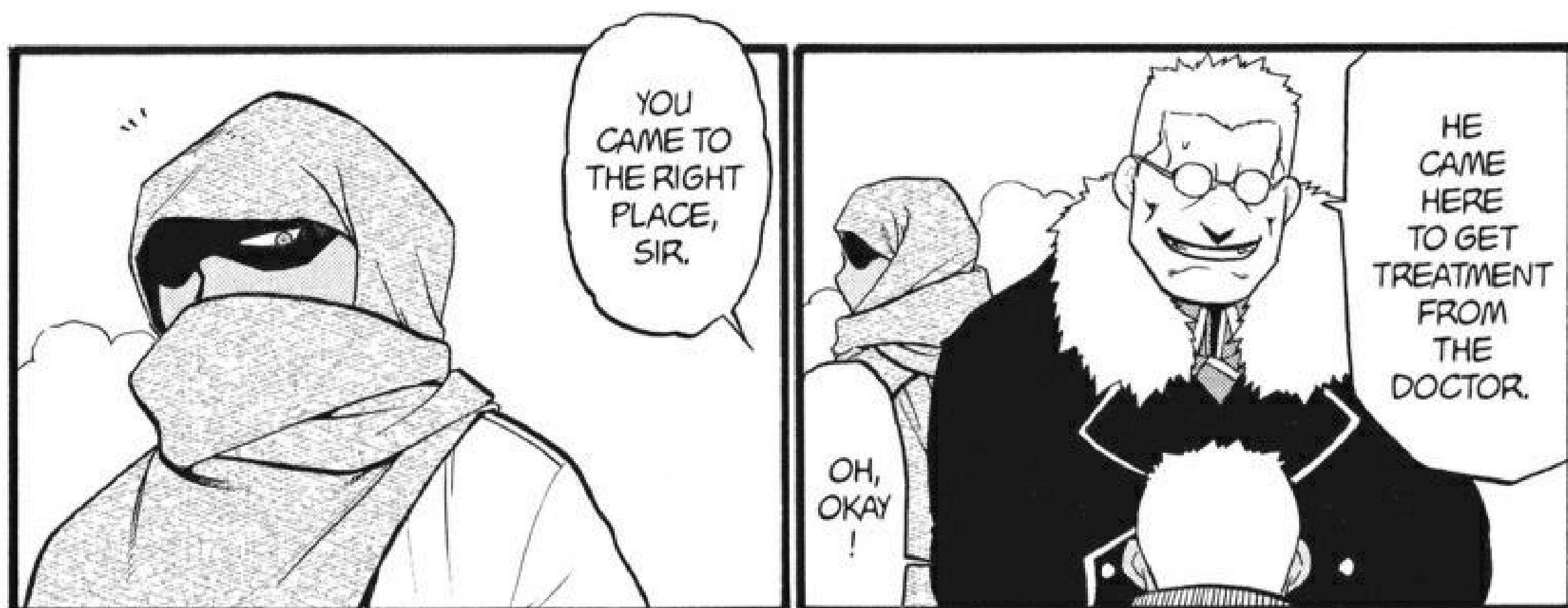


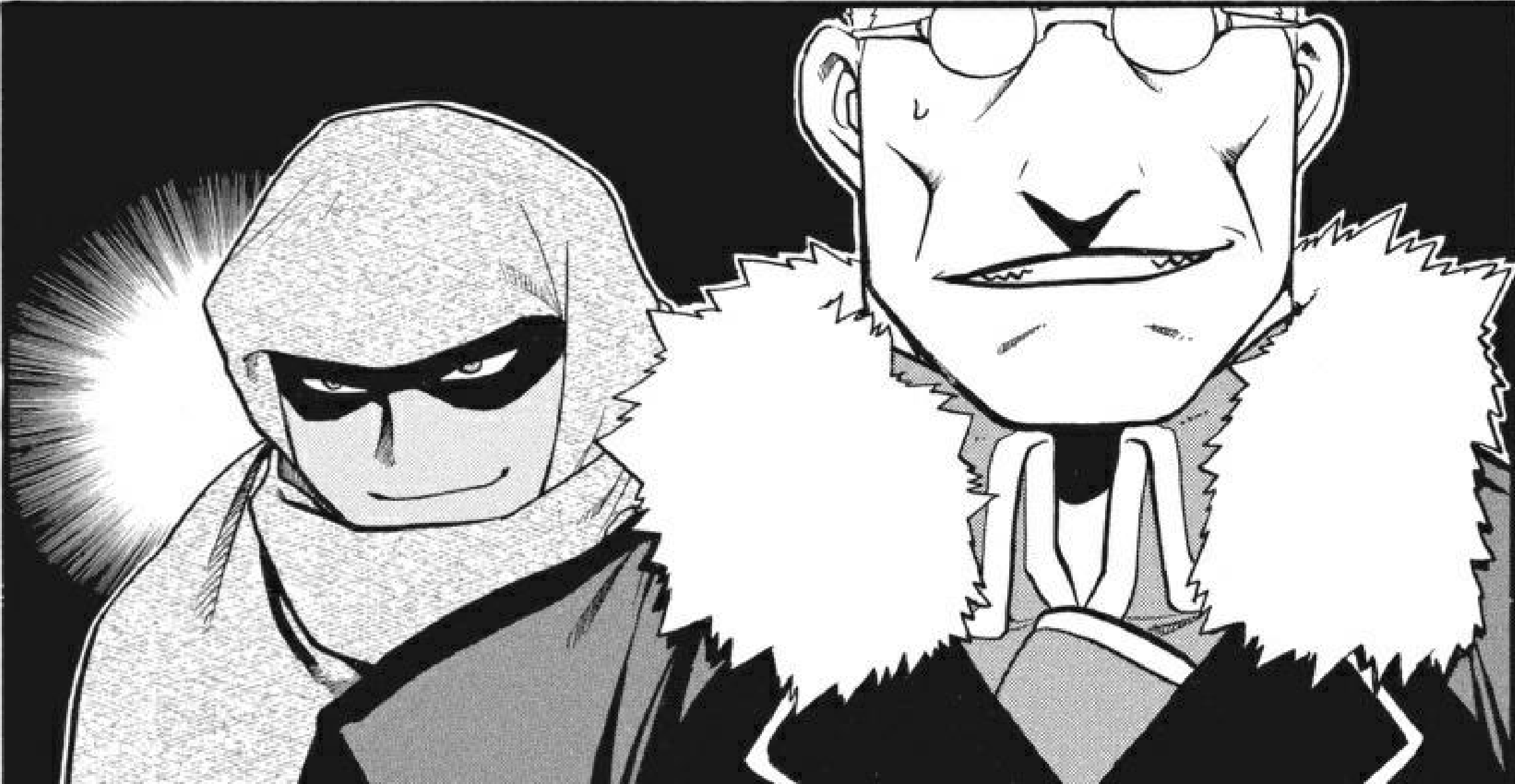
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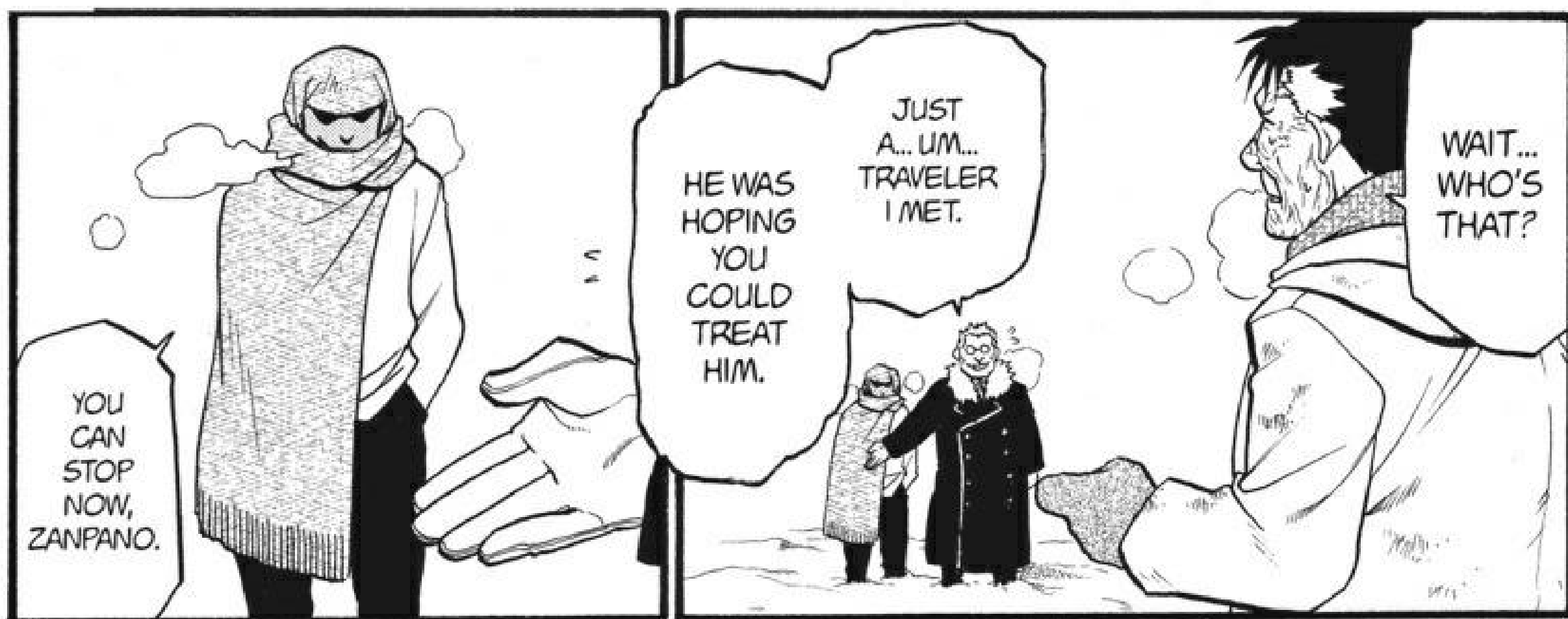
Bug Bite















SH
L
NKKK





THIS
ENTIRE
AREA IS
COVERED
WITH THEM.



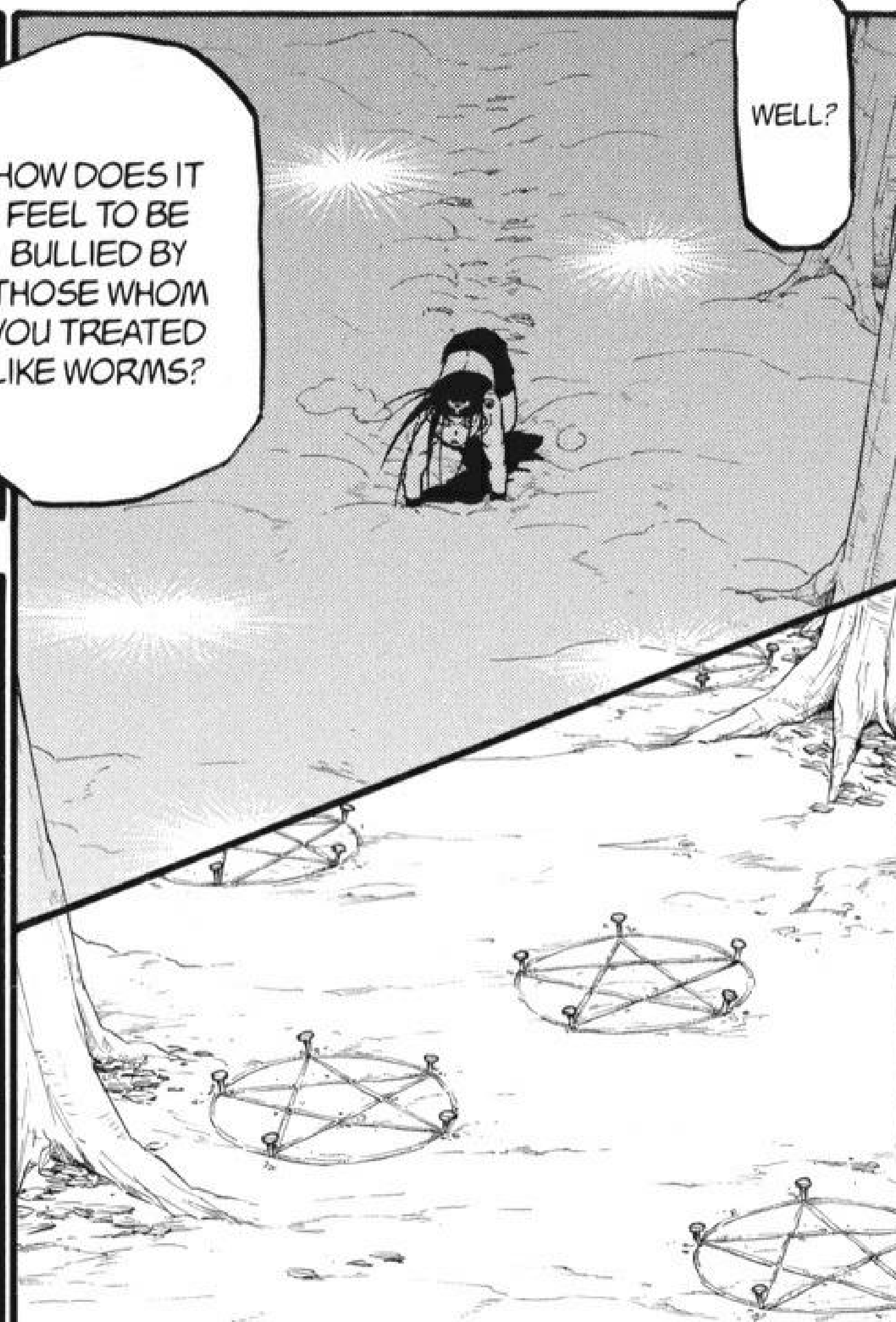
I FORGOT TO
MENTION—
THE
LAND MINES
ARE DESIGNED
TO REACT
ONLY TO
HOMUNCULI.



YOU JUST
CAN'T SEE
THEM
BECAUSE
THEY'RE
HIDDEN
BENEATH
THE SNOW.



HOW DOES IT
FEEL TO BE
BULLIED BY
THOSE WHOM
YOU TREATED
LIKE WORMS?



WELL?



HEH
HEH
HEH...



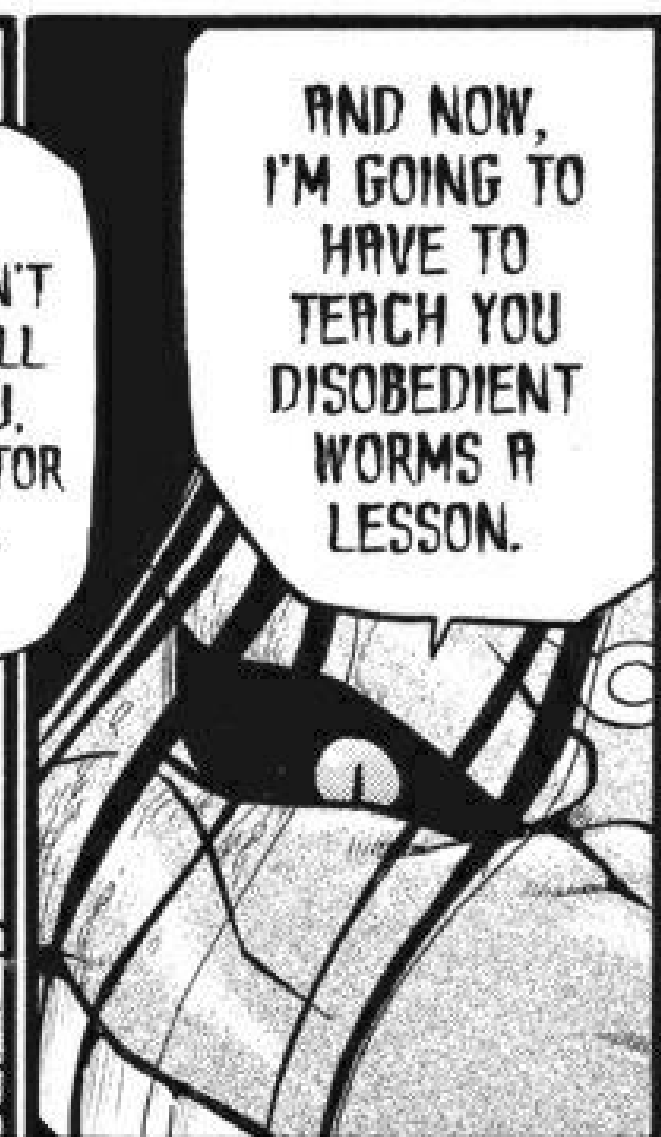




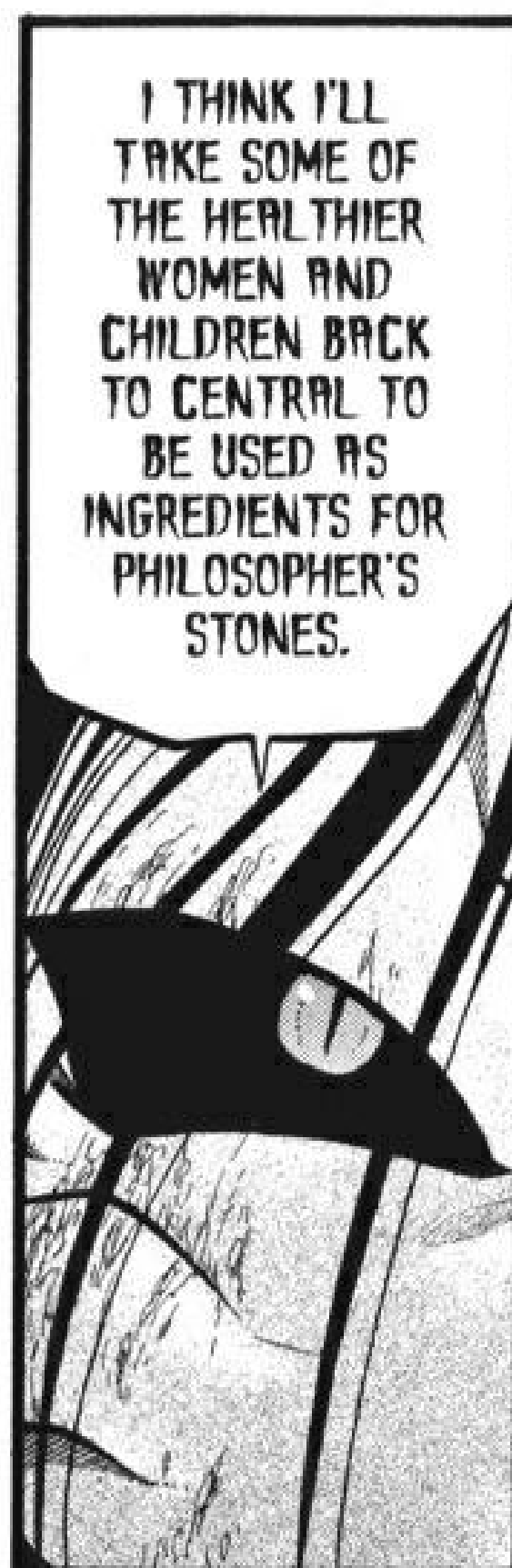
THEN
HOW
ABOUT
THIS?









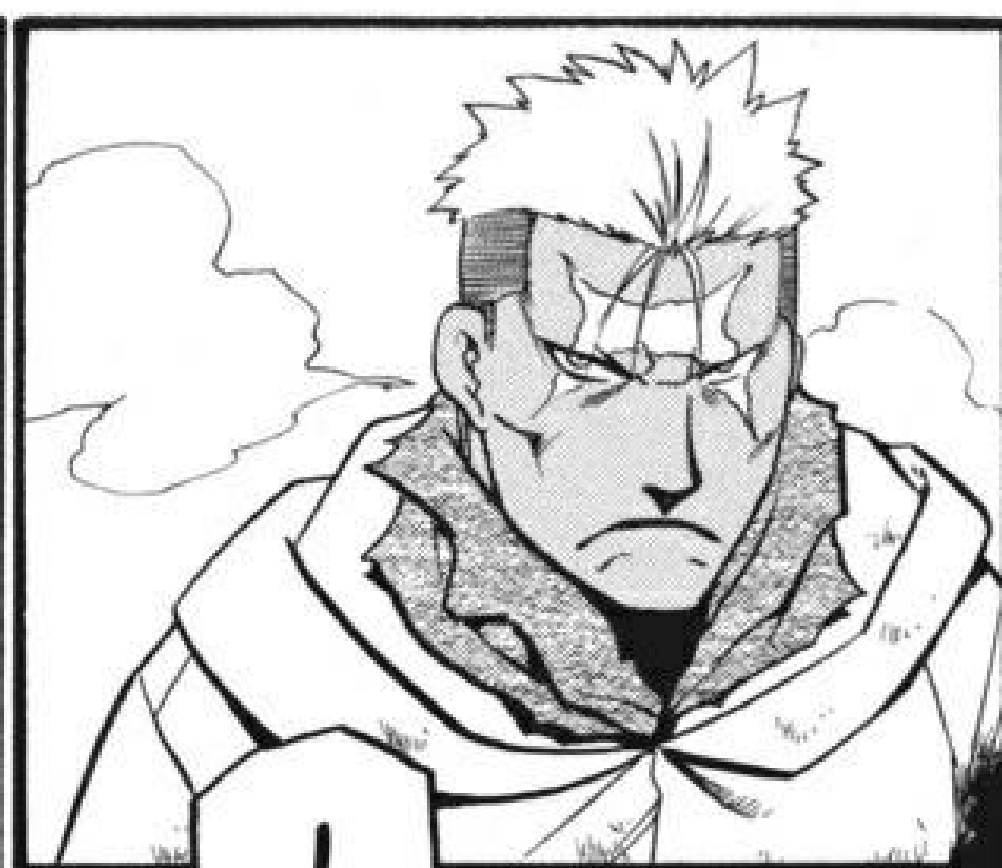


I THINK I'LL
TAKE SOME OF
THE HEALTHIER
WOMEN AND
CHILDREN BACK
TO CENTRAL TO
BE USED AS
INGREDIENTS FOR
PHILOSOPHER'S
STONES.



NO
!!

BUT JUST
DESTROY-
ING IT
WOULDN'T
BE VERY
INTEREST-
ING.



!



ARE YOU
STILL MAKING
THOSE
INFERNAL
THINGS?!

YOU
BAS-
TARD
...



THEY'VE
ALL BEEN
TURNED INTO
PHILOSOPHER'S
STONES.

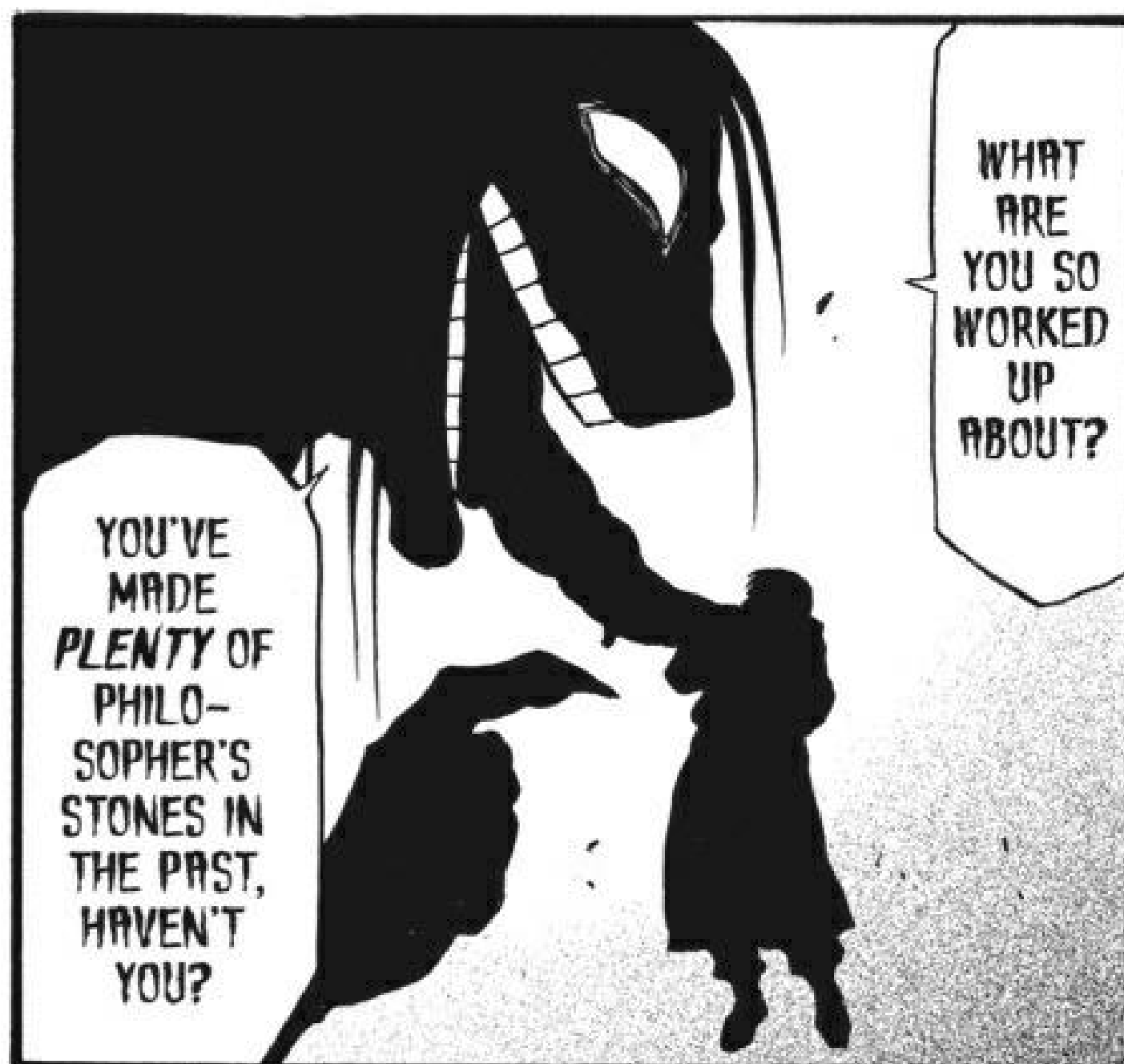
I
CAN'T.
♡



FREE
THOSE
RE-
SEARCH-
ERS...

FREE
MY
OLD
TEAM
!!

FREE
THEM?



YOU'VE
MADE
PLENTY OF
PHILO-
SOPHER'S
STONES IN
THE PAST,
HAVEN'T
YOU?

WHAT
ARE
YOU SO
WORKED
UP
ABOUT?

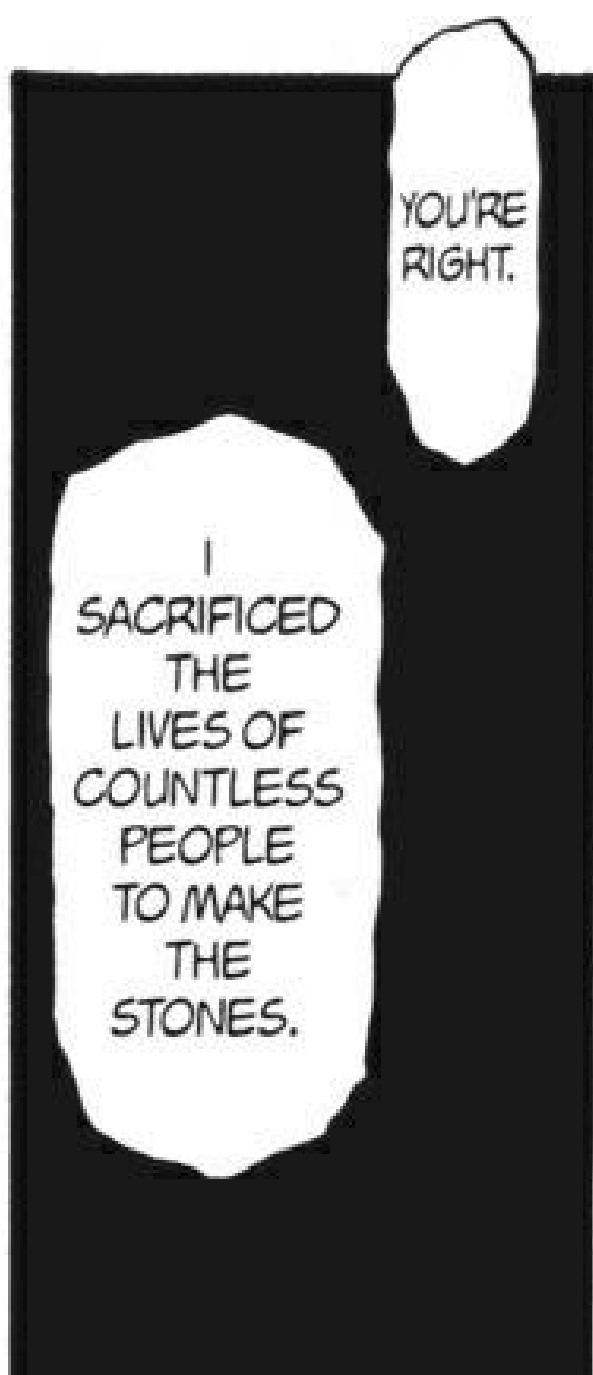


ALL
OF MY
TEAM
...?

WHA
...?



USING
PEOPLE'S
LIVES!!



YOU'RE
RIGHT.

I
SACRIFICED
THE
LIVES OF
COUNTLESS
PEOPLE
TO MAKE
THE
STONES.





...I KNOW MORE
ABOUT MAKING
PHILOSOPHER'S
STONES THAN
ANYONE ELSE IN
THIS COUNTRY.

AND
YES...



BUT
BECAUSE
I KNOW HOW
TO *MAKE*
THEM...



...I ALSO
KNOW
HOW TO
DESTROY
THEM
!!!





